

SHOW MOTIVE TO DAY IN HALL-MILLS CASE

Witnesses to Include Rec-
tor's Servants and Hus-
band of Choir Singer.

17 BEFORE GRAND JURY

Detective Said to Represent
Prospective Defendant
Ousted.

WOMEN DEFEND WIDOW

Issue Statement Praising Her
Unfaltering Devotion
to Truth.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 21.—Pursuing the same leisurely tactics that have characterized the Hall-Mills murder case investigation from the beginning, Wilbur A. Mott, Special Deputy Attorney-General, presented further facts to the Somerset Grand Jury to-day, virtually concluding in two days one phase of his case. The Grand Jury now knows officially that Hall and Mrs. Mills are dead and buried and that they came to their death by violence.

To-morrow, if he follows the schedule he outlined last week, Mr. Mott will present evidence to show the relations that existed between Hall and Mrs. Mills, and may start to prove that Mrs. Hall had no knowledge of these relations. Then in the afternoon the Grand Jury, Mr. Mott and the others will go home for the week end to convene again on Monday, with the prospect of closing the case on Thanksgiving eve. That the close of the case will be gratefully regarded by the citizens here is indicated in the editorial in the New Brunswick paper to-night.

This editorial reads in part:

Protests Against Adjournment.

"The Hall-Mills murder case has dragged out so long already that the public is becoming tired of the delay and it is to be hoped that the Somerset county Grand Jury will not take the proposed action of adjournment on Wednesday to meet again next week and resume consideration of the evidence in the case.

"With three days of the investigation accomplished, there should not be a great deal longer to go after Wednesday, and it would seem better for the members of the Grand Jury themselves to finish the case at one sitting instead of dragging it out further.

"The sooner the case is completed one way or the other, the better it will be for all concerned. Suspicion has been directed by the authorities into certain quarters. If that suspicion is not justified it is their duty to see that it is removed as soon as possible. On the other hand if there is any foundation for it, there should be an indictment at once."

Seventeen witnesses, almost all of minor importance, were before the Grand Jury to-day. They testified to nothing that has not already been told. The two policemen who guarded the bodies for an hour or two, Curran and Garrigan, headed the list, and a Squibbs laboratory doctor, Armstrong, who analyzed the ground and determined the amount of blood that had poured from Mrs. Mills' throat, testified a little after three o'clock this afternoon.

Physicians Also on Stand.

In between were four doctors who took part in the second autopsy, Hagerman, Cronk, Lahey and Smith; two undertakers, Sutphen and Hubbard; an undertaker's assistant, Walter Dahl, and two motor men, Coyne and Moore, who were on the trolley car on which Mrs. Mills rode to her death. Coyne, off duty, riding inside the car, recognized Mrs. Mills, whom he knew.

Mrs. Leo Harkins and Mrs. Henry Blust, who saw both Mrs. Mills and Hall walking toward the Phillips farm before the end of the trolley line, were other witnesses and so were Edward Striker, who visited the scene after the bodies were discovered, and John Lathrop, one of the many who heard shots on the night of the murder.

The only really important witness of the day was Raymond Schneider, who with Pearl Bahner found the bodies on the morning of Saturday, September 16. Schneider was before the Grand Jury an hour and a half and told the story he has told so many times and with so many variations. As far as could be learned, he disclosed to the Grand Jury nothing beyond what he has given twenty other persons in the last nine weeks.

Mott has now shown how the murdered pair reached the scene, how their bodies were discovered and what the autopsies revealed. He has, therefore, established the crime itself. According to his own statement he will next attempt to establish a motive and then the actual killing.

Witnesses to Appear To-day.

To-morrow he will call as witnesses two of the Hall servants, Louise Geist and Barbara Tough. James Mills, husband of the dead choir singer, is also to testify. There is a report that Mrs. Gibson, the woman farmer, who tells of having seen a woman in gray at the scene of the crime is to testify to-morrow, but it is probable that she will not appear until Monday, if the Grand Jury insists on taking the rest of the week to itself.

George Sipel, who figured yesterday as a star witness, failed, perhaps only temporarily, into comparative insignificance to-day, though it is reported he will be called as a witness to-morrow.

Now, it appears that the car he was driving had no lights and that he did not turn into De Russy's lane, as was first reported from official sources.

The officials all seem in the dark as to what Sipel knows and their guesses are all turning out wrong, but that is nothing new in this case. It seems clear that he saw and heard nothing of the crime itself. If he knows anything at all of importance, he has not told any one, unless it is to himself. Mott's assistants know nothing regarding him, except that he has a story that contradicts the story of Mrs. Nellie Russell, who in turn has a story that contradicts that of Mrs. Gibson. Contradictions are the order of the day.

Sipel says he sold a horse to Mrs. Rus-

BABY GIRAFFE, FIRST BORN IN CITY, DIES OVER NIGHT

Officials at Zoological Park Disappointed, but Parents
of Little Long Legs Are Expected to Comfort
Them With Another.

At the New York Zoological Gardens in the Bronx, as elsewhere, babies often arrive and depart this life without causing special joy or special sorrow, but there are exceptions. From Director William T. Hornaday down through the staff there was a strong disposition yesterday morning to hang crepe on the front gate, for the baby giraffe, the first to be born in New York City, had died during the night.

Of course father and mother giraffe, Caliph, the splendid slim-legged giant who is a special pet of Dr. Hornaday and Dr. Dittmars, and Bessie, a lady who came from the circus and is left behind to mourn the infant, and as Dr. Hornaday said yesterday, nature will take its course and hope need not trail in the dust. But the passing of Little Kongles at an unidentified hour Monday night is a great grief and disappointment nevertheless, giraffes being much rarer than rabbits.

"It is very hard to explain," said Dr. Hornaday yesterday. "When the baby was born it seemed to me that it was pretty certain to survive. I thought it had ninety-eight chances out of a hundred, but I am not sure. I forgot that the first-born in such cases is seldom so sturdy as the babies that come later. Andrew Zingravan, Mr. Ringling's giraffe man, looked the baby over and said he thought it was a bit delicate. He said a baby giraffe should

sell, and what she brought it back, not wanting it, tied it to a fence post while he was away, and left it, so that when he returned he found the animal dead. He says he complained to Theodore Knothe, agent of the S. P. C. A., and that he and Knothe went to the Russell cabin on the night of September 14 to tax Mrs. Russell with cruelty to animals. He said they visited the place three times during the evening and could not find Mrs. Russell there.

Now Mr. Russell has said that on that night, the night of the murder, she got home at eight o'clock, and about ten o'clock she came over to see her about the stolen dog and remained an hour. This was heralded as disposing of Mrs. Gibson's story of having seen the giraffe on the Phillips farm at that very time. Thus Sipel appears as supporting Mrs. Gibson's story by giving the lie direct to Mrs. Russell. But Mrs. Russell, who is a negress, has said that she was at home all evening and might have remembered. A private detective, William Gregory, was asked to leave the court house to-day and remain outside while the Grand Jury was in session. The request was made by a State trooper on guard, who was informed that Gregory represented a prospective defendant and was communicating information as to the progress of the case before the Grand Jury to the counsel for this prospective defendant.

Seventy-six women who have been well acquainted with Mrs. Hall, have the highest faith in her, according to an open statement to the public issued to-day through the local newspaper. It is a document, which bears date of November 21, and was obtained by Mrs. Jacob G. Lipman and Mrs. Ernest H. Webb.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 21.—A few of the friends of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall desire to express their unswerving faith in her absolute and unfaltering devotion to truth and integrity, and to all the highest ideals of Christian character. They refuse to believe that in any crisis she would in any respect abandon the high principles which have always guided her life. To them she is now and always has been a woman of the highest type, above suspicion and above reproach. A somewhat new view of the case is expressed in the letter to the newspapers written by the Rev. J. Dyke of Fairton, N. J., who writes in part:

"There is much in the public prints regarding the double murder that occurred some time ago, by which a P. E. Gregory and a woman of your city lost their lives.

"From the unavailing details it is apparent, at least quite probably so, that the killing had the urge back of it and that the motive was of a domestic nature. A husband must remain faithful and loyal to his wife. It is his vow. It is the law of the church and State. It is the oldest and most sacred of duties. It is the basis of the family. Its breach in this case is the more flagrant because the parties were high in the inner circles of a church."

MOTOR KILLS GIRL IN SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Owner of Delmonico's Fined
\$75 for Speeding.

Miss Frances Elfert, aged 18, of 2802 East Twenty-eighth street, Brooklyn, a saleswoman in the department store of Abraham & Straus, was run over and killed yesterday at Voorhees avenue and Sheepshead Bay road by an automobile owned by the Frederick Looser Company.

Harry Sampson, aged 38, of 1 Waldorf place, Brooklyn, the driver, was arrested. W. J. Claffoy was struck and killed yesterday opposite the Public Service Terminal in Newark when he stepped in front of an automobile driven by Anthony Harding.

Edward L. C. Robins, 42, of Mamaroneck, owner of Delmonico's at Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street, was fined \$75 yesterday by Magistrate Cobb in Traffic Court when he pleaded guilty to reckless driving.

FIRE FOUND IN MAIL CHUTE.

Smoke filled the corridors and rooms of the twelve story building at 656 Broadway, at Bond street, late yesterday afternoon, and firemen under John J. Waldron, battalion chief, searched for half an hour before they found that the fire at the bottom of the mail chute was smoldering, and that the smoke had ascended and filtered through the slots on the different floors. The box was broken open and the fire was extinguished after several letters had been damaged.

Hugs Post While Wheels Tear Coat from His Back

NEWTON, N. J., Nov. 21.—Presence of mind saved the life of Harry Black, an employee of the municipal stone crushing plant on the Springfield road, to-day when the tails of his coat became entangled in revolving machinery. Black threw his arms and legs around a pillar and hung on until the garment was ripped from his back. Then, to indicate his coolness, he walked twenty feet across a six inch plank thirty feet above the ground, bought a new coat and returned to work.

COURT WITHHOLDS WARD CASE RULING

Defence Alleges Collapse of
Murder Charge Against
Peter's Slayer.

COST TO PUBLIC \$6,000

Prosecutor Scores Reticence of
Accused and Scouts Black-
mail Story.

Charging that District Attorney Weeks of Westchester county, after spending more than \$6,000 of the people's money to carry out an investigation, had failed to prove the story of Walter S. Ward, former Police Commissioner of New Rochelle, that he killed Clarence S. Peters, ex-United States sailor, in self-defense, his counsel argued yesterday for immediate dismissal of the murder indictment.

The hearing was before Justice Morchauer of the Supreme Court at White Plains. After hearing arguments he directed that affidavits and briefs be submitted, and reserved decision.

Ward was represented by former Justice Isaac N. Mills, and John E. Macdonald, of Poughkeepsie, special assistant district attorney, opposed dismissal of the indictment. He said the prosecutor intends to continue his investigations until he corroborates or disproves the story of Ward that he shot Peters on a lonely road near Kensico reservoir on the night of May 17 because Peters had tried to kill him when he refused to give up \$70,000 for blackmail.

Says Case Has Lagged.

Judge Mills charged that District Attorney Weeks has made no effort in the last two months toward solving the mystery and that the prosecutor has spent more than \$6,000 for detectives in trying to get evidence that Ward's story is false. He said there is no evidence to believe his investigations until he corroborates or disproves the story of Ward that he shot Peters on a lonely road near Kensico reservoir on the night of May 17 because Peters had tried to kill him when he refused to give up \$70,000 for blackmail.

Judge Mills set forth as five "unpleasant points" which the District Attorney had failed to deny, the character of Peters, the fact that Ward surrendered the good character of Ward took a human life, there is no denying that all that is left of Peters is a little mound of earth. This man should be held until every bit of evidence has been run down. He has spent money and we are going to spend lots more to help solve this mystery."

Father Has Not Appeared.

"We wanted Ward's father to appear as a witness," Mr. Mack continued. "Did he come forward? Oh, no. He's out in Battle Creek, Mich., now. You won't see him coming anywhere near this State."

Mr. Mack said the prosecutor's office has been hampered by the defense in the search for "Charlie Ross" and "Jack," the alleged blackmailers. Ward, he declared, would not even sign a formal complaint against them.

Mr. Mack intimated that if the motion to dismiss is denied the case will not be called for trial until early next year. By that time District Attorney Weeks will be out of office.

In a brief submitted by Judge Mills to Justice Morchauer is this statement: "The only sort of criticism which

has been made against the defendant as to the conduct of defense has been that he has not thus far publicly disclosed the nature of stories which the blackmailers were threatening to make public. For obvious family reasons he does not wish to give that information and he should not be compelled to give it unless the people first make out a case against him. The revelation of those stories would only tend to satisfy a prurient public curiosity."

LONG ISLAND DINERS
ADOPT NEW SLOGAN

'Hit Sunrise Trail' Made Mot-
to as Boosters Eat.

More than 1,000 men interested in the development of Long Island met last night in the Hotel Commodore for the first annual banquet of the Long Island Association, and everything they ate, from oysters to oysters, potatoes, ducks and pie was grown on Long Island.

Frank G. Holley, president of the Long Island Hotel and Restaurant Association, which changed its name yesterday to the Long Island Association, was toastmaster. He announced that the slogan of the association is "Hit the Sunrise Trail." The objects of the association, he said, will be "to boost, advertise, exploit and in every way possible promote the advantages of Long Island as a homeland, as a vacation land and as a land for all kinds of pleasure and recreation."

Throughout the dinner the rivalry among the many Long Island towns was shown by the cheering from various community tables. The appeal for members will be wide, Mr. Holley said, and will include all who desire the legitimate development of Long Island.

Speakers were William H. Hirst, counsel for the Society of Restaurants of New York; Edward M. Tierney, president of the American Hotel Association; E. C. Green, president of the New York Hotel Association; Representative Robert E. Celler, New York; Archie Hall of Centerville, L. I., and P. H. Woodward, general passenger agent of the Long Island Railroad.

TRAIN KILLS MAN AT FANWOOD

William J. Moore, 40, of Fanwood, N. J., a landscape gardener, was killed by a Philadelphia express at five o'clock last night when he got out on the wrong side of a local train at the Fanwood station of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He formerly lived at Sands Point, L. I., and moved to Fanwood last summer. He leaves a wife and one child.

ORDERS PRODUCE PRICE QUIZ.

David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, announced yesterday that he will begin Friday at 2 P. M. an investigation into the charge that farmers shipping produce to New York are victims of road speculators.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 21.—Garland W. Powell, director of the Americanism commission of the American League, tonight protested against the proposed American League tour by Capt. Helmuth von Muecke, former German naval officer in command of the cruiser Emden.

"Capt. von Muecke's coming to the United States to lecture is deplorable," his statement said. "The American people have not forgotten the past world war and there still remain in the minds of the majority the causes of America's participation in this war, chief of which is the naval warfare carried on by Germany. They have not forgotten the many American lives sacrificed upon the battlefields; they have not forgotten the many citizens as well as women and

children lost at sea. They never forget our righteous stand in behalf of humanity.

"I sincerely hope and trust that this man will realize that his lectures are not wanted by the vast majority of the people of this country. He is guaranteed under our Constitution certain civil liberties during his stay in America and it would be a violation of the hospitality extended by the American people for any one to try to ram down their throats any part of a ruthless, inhuman, violent naval policy which he represents and which was one of the causes for the United States entering the world war. His lectures seem undesirable to the American people and I trust he will change his plans."

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